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FDA Commissioner
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Food and Drug Administration
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Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Commissioner:

I am opposed to the FDA's recently proposed rules on genetically engineered (GE) foods. The voluntary labeling and notification requirements contained in these rules are totally inadequate to protect human health, the environment and my consumer rights.

I believe that there has not been adequate independent testing on the long term effects on human health and the environment of GE foods. I do not believe that GE foods are essentially the same as non-GE foods. I believe that consumers have the right to know which products are genetically engineered. In addition, I believe that polls have shown that the majority of Americans feel the same way that I do on this issue.

Therefore, I request that the **rules** be modified to include the following:

1. All GE foods and GE ingredients should be labeled so that consumers can make informed choices.
2. **GE** foods should not be assumed safe and should be subject to mandatory safety **testing** prior to marketing them.
3. **A moratorium** should be imposed on the marketing of all GE foods until independently **verified** studies show that they are safe for human health and the environment.

Very truly yours,



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